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APPLICANTS: Bennet et al

DOCKET NO.: 8285/162

SERIAL NO.: 08/999,106

FILED: 12/29/1997

ENTITLED: System and Method for Home Automation and Security

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- 1) Notice to File Missing Parts for CPA (fees). Response due 2/8/2001.
- 2) Response filed 12/15/2000 submitting check No. 2041 in the amount of \$2340.00.
- 3) A status inquiry was made December 3, 2001. No response was received.
- 4) Notice of Abandonment was mailed to Brinks Hofer on 4/23/2002 for failure to respond to Office action dated 5/31/2001. Previous correspondence has been correctly mailed to this office.
- 5) Our office was notified by applicant of this notice on 5/10/2002.
- 6) We spoke to the examiner on 5/21/2002 to determine the content of the Office Action dated 5/31/2001. He said they did not receive payment of fees.
- 7) Check \$2340.00 has cleared the bank.
- 8) Upon review of the office file it was noted that the correspondence from the office had typos in the Title and serial number showing 09/999,106 vs. 08/999,106.
- 9) Recalculation of the fee amount indicated a deficit of \$50.00. We are enclosing a check in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the missing fee.

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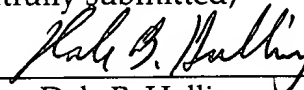
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I, Dale B. Halling, declare and attest to :

- 1) The fact that the Office action dated 5/31/2001 was never received in this office.
- 2) A search of the file jacket and docket records indicate that the Office communication was not received in this office.
- 3) A copy of the records as listed above is attached hereto as documentary proof of nonreceipt of the Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

By



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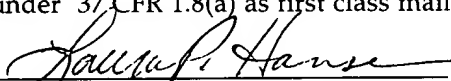
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Your File: 8285/162
Our File: A00425

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Very truly yours,

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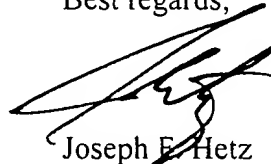
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Best regards,



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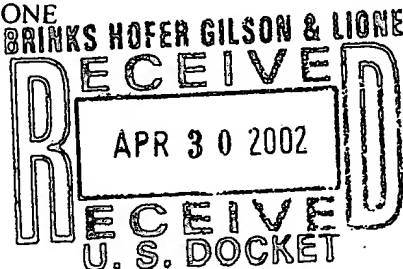
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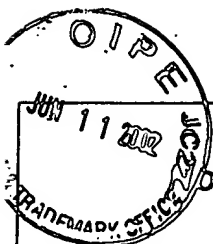
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2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

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Mary,
We have received your
fax. We are following up.
We never received the OA of May 31, 2001
nor did we get a reply to our Status
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SERIAL NO.: 09/999,106

ART GROUP: 2632

FILED: 12/29/97

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ENTITLED: System and Method for Home Automation and Security

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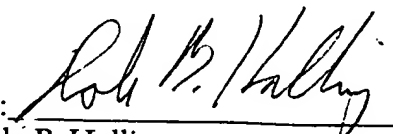
Applicants hereby inquire as to the status of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond W. Bennett

Please forward all correspondence to:

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ENTITLED: System and Method for Home Automation and Security

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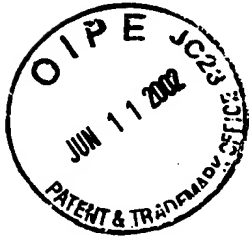
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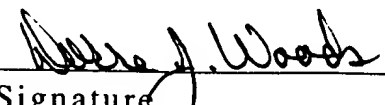
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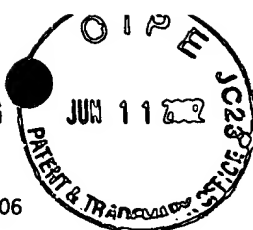
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION (CPA)
Filing Date Granted

The Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request filed on 11/1/00 is entitled to a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1). The CPA request, however, lacks the filing fee(s) and/or items indicated below.

Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file the fee(s), item(s), and any surcharge required below to avoid abandonment of this CPA. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The total amount owed by applicant is the sum of items 1(a) or (b), 2, and 3 (if checked) below.

- ☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:
☒ missing.
☐ insufficient.

(a) Applicant must submit \$ 1160.00 to complete the basic filing fee and the \$ 50.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) (non-small entity), or \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) and file a small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 claiming such status (if the prior application was entitled to small entity status and such status is still proper and desired, a new small entity statement is not required (37 CFR 1.28)).

(b) Applicant must submit \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).

- ☒ 2. Additional claim fees of
\$ 540.00 (non-small entity) or \$ _____ (small entity) for 30 independent claims over 3.
\$ 1040.00 (non-small entity) or \$ _____ (small entity) for 13 claims over 20.
\$ _____ (non-small entity) or \$ _____ (small entity) for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

- ☐ 3. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).
☐ 4. The CPA request is unsigned. Applicant must file a signed duplicate or ratification of the CPA request.
☐ 5. Other: _____

A copy of this Notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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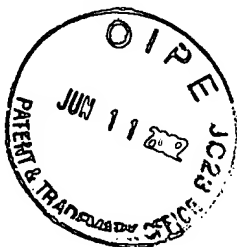
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Filing Date Granted

The Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request filed on 11/1/00 is entitled to a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1). The CPA request, however, lacks the filing fee(s) and/or items indicated below.

Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file the fee(s), item(s), and any surcharge required below to avoid abandonment of this CPA. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The total amount owed by applicant is the sum of items 1(a) or (b), 2, and 3 (if checked) below.

☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.
☐ insufficient.

(a) Applicant must submit \$ 760.00 to complete the basic filing fee and the \$ 50.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) (non-small entity), or \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) and file a small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 claiming such status (if the prior application was entitled to small entity status and such status is still proper and desired, a new small entity statement is not required (37 CFR 1.28)).

(b) Applicant must submit \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).

☒ 2. Additional claim fees of

\$ 540.00 (non-small entity) or \$ _____ (small entity) for 30 independent claims over 3
\$ 1120.00 (non-small entity) or \$ _____ (small entity) for 13 claims over 20.
\$ _____ (non-small entity) or \$ _____ (small entity) for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☐ 3. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 4. The CPA request is unsigned. Applicant must file a signed duplicate or ratification of the CPA request.

☐ 5. Other: _____

A copy of this Notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Direct the reply and any questions about this Notice to:

May 10/02

Examining Group 2100

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